

2016

Board of Selectmen Meeting - Tuesday, January 12, ~~2015~~ 7:17 p.m.
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Present-- Gerard Miller, Christopher Johnson, Matthew Puntin.
Others present - Molly Curtin-Schaefer & (see attached list)

Mail was read, Treasury warrants were approved, previous minutes were approved.

MASSACHUSETTS BROADBAND:

MBI Grant - The MBI Broadband Planning Assistance Grants Solicitation (Solicitation No. 2015-MBI-01) The grant application is completed and Gerard Miller signed this document to be submitted.

A discussion ensued regarding Tyringham's options for moving forward with broadband. Many different ideas and options were discussed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Annual budgets were discussed. The Annual Town Meeting is May 10, 2016. Budget hearings will be held, Molly to send out budget requests that will be due back by February 23, 2016.

HOUSING COMMISSION:

The Finance Committee approved a request from the Tyringham Housing Commission for a transfer from the reserve fund for \$150.00. The Commission also submitted a January 2016 newsletter. (attached)

JERUSALEM ROAD BRIDGE:

Mass DOT submitted an inspection report for bridge # T-10-003. This bridge has been upgraded from serious condition to satisfactory. (Overall condition was upgraded from a #3 to a #6) this is due the the patch of asphalt on the North side of the decking.

BRIDGE UPDATE:

Matthew Puntin reported he has contacted 3 engineering firms to give the Town guidance on bridges T-10-002 Main Road, T-10-003 Jerusalem Road, and T-10-007 Monterey Road. The Board will review this report and use it to prepare a future budget to take corrective actions.

MCDARBY ROAD:

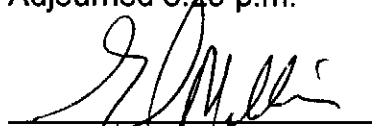
Gerard Miller stated that McDarby Road has been an accepted road in Tyringham for many years, however, it was not listed on the inventory of roads for Tyringham and it should be. Christopher Johnson seconded, no opposition.

UPDATES:

LIBRARY ARTIFACTS - The artifacts from the Library were moved to the stage at the Town Hall.

The Library is not using (2) card catalogues and the Town will post these items to see if anyone is interested in them. If more than 2 people are interested, we will take names and at the next Selectmen's meeting 2 names will be pulled from a hat.


Adjourned 8:29 p.m.



Gerard Miller, Chairman



Christopher Johnson, Clerk



Matthew Puntin, Member

ATTACHMENT A



Application Form for Broadband Planning Assistance Grant

Project Name	Tyringham Broadband Initiative
Project Sponsor (Town, Municipal Light Plant (MLP) or MLP Cooperative)	Town of Tyringham
Application Date	January 12, 2016
Amount of Grant Requested: in words	Five-thousand dollars
In Numerals	\$5,000.00

Application

To assist the evaluation process, please submit information and documents in accordance with the item numbers on this application form. All responses should reflect the Applicant's most current information.

Before completing this Application, the Applicant should review thoroughly the submission instructions, eligibility criteria, and evaluation process and criteria.

1. Applicant Information

1.1 Applicant name: Town of Tyringham

1.2 Applicant type [check one]

☒ a Town

☐ Town MLP

☐ MLP Cooperative (list all MLP's involved)

1.3 Address: 116 Main Road, Tyringham, MA 01264

1.4 Contact information for the individual within the Applicant that will be the principal point of contact for the Applicant during the Project:

1.4.1 Name James J. Consolati

Town Administrator

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Subject: newsletterJan2016

We are in the process of buying a house, 161 Main Road. It has now passed the radon test and Title V (septic system). A licensed inspector spent more than one hour looking for lead paint and did not find any, which is a real plus. Lawyers are consulting over deed restrictions and the mortgage calendar. The closing is tentatively scheduled for February 2.

Two highly competent individuals have joined the TAHA Board, Everett Fennelly and Tom Sides. Everett, lifetime resident, is a skilled carpenter and professional contractor; he knows the Tyringham community well. He watched this house being built in the 1960s. Tom was in charge of everything non-academic at the Kent School, so he has experience with managing properties, fund-raising, personnel, and finance. We are lucky to have both of them working with us.

It is important that this house be designated "affordable" in the technical, legal sense -- the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has to approve it for the official Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI). This means jumping through many hoops (and learning many acronyms!). The first hoop is applying for a Local Action Unit (LAU) approval. (An LAU is an affordable housing initiative, like ours, that originates in a local community and does not get state money.) Among the seven documents that must accompany this application is an Affirmative Fair Housing Market and Resident Selection Plan (AFHMP) -- which we shall borrow from Construct in Great Barrington, since they have been doing this kind of thing for many years.

At the TAHA and THC meeting 1/5, we discussed ways of getting people, especially younger people, involved in this project. There is still a vacant seat on the Board, if anyone wants to volunteer, and there are any number of tasks in rehab and fund-raising where we could use help.

Nineteen gifts to TAHA have come in since November. Many thanks to those contributors! Of course we'll need more, to do rehabilitation and repairs, so that tenant selection can begin. We expect the Berkshire Eagle and other media to give this project good publicity. Surely there are local businesses that will support us, with contributions and/or with discounts.

This is crunch time for fund-raising. In the next six months we must pay for necessary repairs to the house and position ourselves to pay our 5-year mortgage. We are making appointments to see local banks and foundations. Please send donations to TAHA, P.O. Box 407, Tyringham MA 01264. If you'd like to help in other ways, by all means let one of us know. And thanks very much!

Gail and Peter Charpentier, Vivi Mannuzza, Everett Fennelly, Tom Sides, Carey McIntosh

1/12/2016

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: January 12, 2016

TIME - 7:00

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